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**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Jul-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/26/03	07/19/03
BRO-FRY	161,842	162,640
LT HENS	1,217	1,244
HVY HENS	1,548	1,698

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA
WEEK ENDING 19-Jul-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	366	8	374
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	326	0	326
SAME WEEK YR AGO	236	79	315
TO-DATE/2003	7434	108	7,542
TO-DATE/2002	9,180	148	9,328

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
HEAD	1,507	1,650	3,157
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS			
LAST WEEK	1,479	1,515	2,994
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,825	1,655	3,480
TO-DATE/2003	53,615	39,756	93,371
TO-DATE/2002	60,479	39,112	99,591

**LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION
WEEK ENDING 19-Jul-03 (THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	157,206	1,141	1,642	2,783
AVG WT	5.14	3.62	8.11	6.27
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS				
LAST WEEK	159,849	1,153	1,515	2,668
SAME WK YR AGO	159,974	1,589	1,576	3,165
AVG WT	5.01	3.51	7.85	5.67
TO-DATE/2003	4,409,867	46,181	39,648	85,829
TO-DATE/2002	4,475,549	51,299	38,964	90,263

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.1 million head or 1.7 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 12-Jul-03**

(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE	(B) RETAIL	(C) DEBONING
4.20 LBS & DOWN	4.21-5.25 LBS	5.26 LBS & UP
-----THOUSANDS-----		

Head	18,022	17,412	31,731
Avg Weight	3.89	4.81	6.14
% of total /1	27%	26%	47%

COMPARISONS

Last week	26,710	22,277	39,430
Avg Weight	3.88	4.86	6.05
% of total /1	30%	25%	45%

Same week, yr ago /2	26,164	17,826	44,724
Avg Weight	3.78	4.81	6.28
% of total /1	29%	20%	50%

To date/2003	683,255	637,785	1,273,182
To date/2002	801,114	670,290	1,292,509

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 19-Jul-2003
(THOUSAND HEAD)**

	YOUNG (B) HENS	TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	2,010	2,723	71	27	4,831
AVG WT	15.74	35.73	24.82	30.36	27.22
HEAD SLTR COMPARIONS					
LAST WEEK	2,125	2,901	47	21	5,094
SAME WK YR AGO	2,109	2,820	34	4	4,967
AVG WT	15.98	35.01	24.38	42.16	26.86
TO-DATE/2003	52,910	78,406	1,760	430	133,506
TO-DATE/2002	52,489	77,408	1,364	232	131,493

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.
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